

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
JUNE 19, 2018
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order.

Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public meeting. Notice was sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Borough website and the official bulletin board.

Roll Call:

Council members Di Paolo (arrived at 7PM), LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-present

Mayor James Kelly: present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 15, 2018 Public Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Mayor's Report

The developers of D'Angelo's asked if we would like to name one of the streets. The Mayor contacted Tom Kelly, borough historian, to see if he had a suggestion. He suggested Michael Anthony Pfeuffer, who had lived on Fleetwood Road and was killed in Vietnam November, 1969. Mr. Kelly reached out to his family and they are very excited.

Administrator's Report

The generator will be moved from the old Borough Hall on July 9th to the police trailers. The police recording equipment should be in next week. There was a meeting with the Library to discuss installation of a new HVAC and some lighting by Direct Install, which is a 70% grant. The borough layout is about \$13,000, which will be paid back through the savings from Direct Install in a little over a year. We will be sending home recycling notices to let residents know what they can and cannot recycle. There will also be a door hanger the recyclers will hang on doors to let the resident know why their trash was not picked up. If items are not separated correctly the Borough will lose 40% of the dollars we generate from recycling. The Code Enforcement Officer has contacted CSX to clean up debris by the tracks to eliminate the possibility of fire. Mr.

Richards has been in contact with the place we bring our solid waste to. The County has a program in which they bring waste to the same facility at \$3.00 less than our contract. He was able to negotiate a \$1.50 reduction, which will be about a \$10,000 savings in the course of the year. Garden Homes' LSRP has been in contact with the DEP. They have been in compliance in every aspect. This is mosquito season. If anyone has a problem, please contact Mr. Richards and he will contact the Commission.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman LaBruno

DPW

In May there were 14 sewer jobs, 120 miles of street was swept, 29 catch basins cleaned, 6 repaired. They have been making a list of curbs that need repair. Parks are being made ready for the upcoming sports season. They use about two tons of asphalt a day to fix potholes. Police, Board of Ed and DPW vehicles were serviced.

Dumont Community Group is hosting Movies in Memorial Park. Seating starts at 7:30PM on Thursday evenings.

- Councilman Riquelme

Police Department

In May there were 2,150 telephone calls for service, 63 calls for medical reasons, 30 telephone calls for fire alarms. There were 154 traffic summonses issued-21 parking and 133 moving. 52 motor vehicle crashes were investigated, Patrol traveled 14,274 miles. The Detective Bureau conducted 8 firearms investigations, 40 criminal cases were handled. 23 officers received mandated firearms training.

- Councilwoman Rossillo

Board of Education

Tomorrow is the high school graduation. A former Dumont special education teacher, Genevieve Viacava, who passed away, left the schools \$1,000,000. She stipulated that this money should be given to special needs students who wish to further their education.

- Councilwoman Stewart

The Councilwoman wanted to recognize today, also known as Juneteenth, the day that slavery ended in the United States.

Last Friday and Saturday was our 5th Annual Relay for Life. It was our most successful one yet. \$80-\$85,000 was raised. Our Police Chief, Mike Conner, was highlighted this year. His sister made shirts that were sold as a fundraiser-it was heartwarming to see so many blue shirts. Cancer has touched everybody. It is a great community building experience.

Shade Tree Commission

The Commission will be starting their Twilight at the Gazebo on Wednesday evenings in July. They are planting two shade trees at the Library and the Garden Club is planting flowers.

Attorney's Report

No report

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case

the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#18-153 Bills List *

#18-154 Michael Geller-Accept Resignation from the Fire Department Auxiliary *

#18-155 Capital Budget Amendment for Bond Ordinance #1549 *

#18-156 Renewal of Coin Machine Permits *

#18-157 Renewal of Liquor Licenses *

#18-158 Renewal of Limousine and Taxi Permits *

#18-159 Approval of Block Party on Patton Place July 28, 2018 *

#18-160 Approval of Block Party on Beverly Road September 8, 2018 *

#18-161 Approval of Block Party on Druid Avenue July 21, 2018 *

#18-162 Approval of Change Order #1 for Library Roof-\$6,440 *

#18-163 Glenn Byrd-Accept Resignation from the Fire Department *

#18-164 Authorization of Transfer of Sweeny's Liquor License to D&L Dumont Liquor, LLC *

#18-165 Shared Services with Bergen County for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair *

#18-166 Shared Services with Bergen County for Street Sweeper *

#18-167 Approval of Block Party on Highland Avenue to be held July 7, 2018 *

#18-168 Authorization for the Borough of Dumont to Join the Houston Galveston Cooperative *

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, questioned the figures in Resolution #155. He recommended tabling it until there are answers.

2. Lili Binney, 32 Roxbury Road, had questions about the bills list. When asked whether everything has been passed on to the new attorney, Mr. Bailey said Mr. Paster is still working on the final compliance hearing.

3. Judy Parker, Susan Drive, Closter, asked what Houston Galveston Cooperative is. Mr. Richards replied that it is a national purchasing organization.

4. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked about items on the bills list. She wanted to make sure the staff is giving Dumont Hardware a shot before buying elsewhere. Could we get a monthly update from Millennium on grants? She confirmed that the Bob Roem lawn maintenance is basically the same as the snow removal maintenance.

5. Tom Kelly, 70 Beacon Street, asked about McNerney's bill. Mr. Richards explained there were updated appraisals on five properties having to do with the new Borough Hall.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Councilman LaBruno made a motion to table Resolution #155 until there was a better explanation.

Councilman Di Paolo seconded the motion

Roll call vote to table: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Rossillo, Stewart-yes
Councilman Riquelme: no
Councilwoman Stewart wanted to make sure this would not affect the purchase of the two police cars.
Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman LaBruno
Second: Councilman Di Paolo
Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart

Non-Consent Agenda

#18-169 Renewal of Conflict Liquor License-Dumont Elks Lodge #2593

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. Lili Binney, Roxbury Road, asked for an explanation. The Mayor explained there are members on the Council who belong to the Elks and cannot vote on the resolution to approve the liquor license.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

All in favor.

Councilman Di Paolo stated that in the past he has had to abstain. What is different? Ms. Connelly explained that since there would not be enough votes when excluding members of the Club, ABC advised her of the current resolution wording, which they can vote on. The Director will issue the license to the Elks Club.

Motion to adopt: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1549 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements by the Borough of Dumont, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$2,360,000 including Two Grants in the Aggregate Amount of \$150,861 Expected to be Received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, a Grant in the Amount of \$156,725 Expected to be Received from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,858,900 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Councilman LaBruno asked if tabling the resolution affects voting on the ordinance. The Mayor replied that it doesn't. He explained that this is part of what the budget resolution was about. We are bonding for everything and then getting grant money back. Councilwoman Stewart added that the Council already approved the items when they approved the budget.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes
Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman LaBruno
All in favor.

1. Lynne Vietri thanked the Mayor for coming to give the scholarship awards. She asked Mr. Richards if the money left in the traffic detail just sits there. Mr. Richards stated that the Council isn't happy about it but it's the State ruling. Ms. Vietri questioned how Mr. Richards came up with the cost to residents for the Borough Hall Complex. He said the auditor is working on the numbers, also.

2. Michael Sullivan, Andover Avenue, asked if the DPW was considered to maintain the lawns of abandoned homes since it costs \$90 an hour. The Mayor explained that the money is not coming out of your pocket; there is a lien put on the property. He also asked for a podium for the residents who speak.

3. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked a question citing a news article. Mayor Kelly explained that this is a comment period; not a question and answer period. If you have questions, you can send an email and he will answer them. The questions could be sent before the meeting so the answers can be given at the meeting. Dr. deLyon expressed outrage and said he left questions for the Mayor. Mayor Kelly said he'd get back to him in the next day or two. Dr. deLyon said the LaPorte Park is a disgrace. He asked who is responsible for the upkeep. The Mayor answered that the DPW is.

4. Lili Binney, 32, Roxbury, commented on the 30-year bond, the cost of the private entrance, if the Council received feedback from the Police Department on the complex plan, the lawn maintenance and snow maintenance payments and last year's Open Space grant money. She will send all her questions, wait for the answers and post the answers on Facebook.

5. John Sansone, 119 Beacon Street, spoke of the Beautification Committee. His concern is if they put planters downtown, he would need the cooperation of the DPW to water them. Memorial Park looks great Memorial Day but after that it looks terrible. The DPW cuts the grass too short. What does the DPW do every day? The Mayor answered that he would ask the Superintendent tomorrow.

6. Tom Kelly, Beacon Street, feels it is ridiculous not to take questions. He understands they don't want residents coming up to trap them with questions they're not prepared to answer tonight. The Mayor could just say he's not prepared to answer that. There is a lack of communication and transparency. He said he missed the presentation but is wondering about the progress of the acquisition of properties and if the demolition is dependent on getting those properties.

Councilman LaBruno stated that the \$1,000,000 appropriation referred to in the news article was a mistake. Garden Homes is demolishing the building at no cost. He further stated that he takes offense that this Council does not share information. Whenever he gets information he shares it on Facebook as soon as possible. Mr. Kelly had asked about the LSRP and the Councilman spent time on the phone with the DEP.

Mr. Richards added that he had received information on the LSRP and Garden Homes and he immediately asked that it be put on the website. This Council makes an effort to share information as soon as they get it.

7. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt, said she doesn't have questions until she is at

the meeting. When she has emailed questions she either doesn't get a response or is not satisfied with the answer. She had a question about plastic bag disposal. She wanted to know what the closed session item referring to Recreation-potential litigation is about. She also wanted to know how many foreclosed houses there are in town. She expressed disappointment in not being able to ask questions.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman LaBruno
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo
All in favor.

Councilman Di Paolo wanted to remind people that the DPW does an incredible job and responsive and that if there is something that needs to be fixed, please call and let them know.

Councilman LaBruno said that plastic bags are not biodegradable. They shouldn't be put in with recycling or the garbage. Mr. Richards added that bags jam up the machinery. He is also in the process of finding out how many foreclosed houses there are in town.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session:
Purchase, Acquisition or Lease of Real Property with Public Funds
Contract Negotiations-Administrator
Personnel-Labor Hearing
Litigation-Delihasani

Potential Litigation-Recreation

Motion: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk